

M I N U T E S

OF THE

NOVEMBER 7, 2019 SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING



OF THE

OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING ACT COMPLIANCE

Notice of this Special Meeting was filed with the Secretary of State's office on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 8:50 a.m., in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

The agenda was posted at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting, in compliance with the Open Meeting Act. It was posted on the Commission website and at 1915 N. Stiles Ave., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the Commission's principal office.

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2019 SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE OKLAHOMA WORKER'S COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

The members of the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission met at 1915 N. Stiles Ave., 2nd floor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on November 7, 2019.

Members present: Chairman Mark Liotta, Commissioner Jordan Russell, and Commissioner Megan Tilly.

Others Present: Executive Director Hopper Smith, WCC; Lauren Hammonds Johnson, WCC; Dana Esparza, WCC; Collin Fowler, WCC; Dr. Jay Cannon, WCC; Charlie Stevens, United Safety; Shawna Peelman, United Safety; Richard Cole, MITF; Julie Daniels, Oklahoma Senate; Ryan Kilpatrick, FKG Consulting; and John Vera, Attorney at Law.

Chairman Liotta expressed appreciation for those in attendance. After the roll was taken, he announced the presence of a quorum. The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

- 1. The Commission reviewed the FY2020 Operating Budget for the Oklahoma Multiple Injury Trust Fund ("MITF") to either reject or take no action on it, as provided in Title 85A O.S. § 31(S).**

Motion: Commissioner Tilly moved to take no action.

Second: Commissioner Russell.

Those voting aye: Chairman Liotta, Commissioner Russell and Commissioner Tilly.

The motion carried.

Motion: Commissioner Tilly moved to go into Public Hearing.

Second: Commissioner Russell.

Those voting aye: Chairman Liotta, Commissioner Russell and Commissioner Tilly.

The motion carried.

2. Public Comment, Discussion and Consideration of Comments from the Public Regarding Potential Changes to Oklahoma’s Fee Schedule.

Pursuant to 85A O.S. § 50(H)(14), the Workers’ Compensation Commission has contracted with Fair Health to review regional and nationwide comparisons of Oklahoma’s Fee Schedule rates and data and markets for medical services. The Commission also contracted with Fair Health to provide a report of its findings and a proposed amended Fee Schedule to the Commission upon receipt of oral and written comments. The Commission and Fair Health heard public comments on potential revisions of Oklahoma’s current Fee Schedule.

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

Motion: Commissioner Tilly moved to close the Public Hearing.

Second: Commissioner Russell.

Those voting aye: Chairman Liotta, Commissioner Russell and Commissioner Tilly.

The motion carried.

Chairman Liotta expressed appreciation for those in attendance and stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear public comments on the Commission’s proposed changes to its Fee Schedule. He noted the Commission’s allowed a 30 day written comment period previous to this hearing.

The Commissioners heard comments from Attorney John Vera regarding outdated codes and missing codes within the fee schedule and stated his concerns regarding the same. Representatives from Fair Health assured him that those are things that they are looking into changing.

Announcements

The Commission’s next special business meetings are Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. and Friday, November 8, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. The Commission’s next regular appeals meeting is Friday, November 22, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT.....Chairman Mark Liotta

Motion: Commissioner Tilly moved to adjourn.

Second: Commissioner Russell.

Those voting aye: Chairman Liotta, Commissioner Russell and Commissioner Tilly.

The motion carried. The meeting adjourned.